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UNITED NATIONS REGULAR AND EXTRABUDGETARY TECHNICAL COOPERATION EXPENDITURES

Information on United Nations system regular and extrabudgetary technical cooperation expenditures financed from sources other than UNDP, 1994

Report of the Administrator

I. PURPOSE

1. To facilitate the work of the Executive Board, the present report (in response to Governing Council decision 81/34 of 27 June 1981) contains a summary of: (a) non-UNDP-financed technical cooperation expenditure undertaken by the agencies, including the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA); (b) contributions to support extrabudgetary expenditures of the agencies; (c) expenditure by UNDP, comprising those from central resources and administered funds; (d) expenditures by the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF); (e) expenditures by the World Food Programme (WFP); and (f) technical cooperation expenditures by the World Bank/International Development Association (IDA). All expenditure data refer to expenditure on the "ground"; that is, field programme expenditure, which is net of administrative and support costs and covers the period 1993-1994. For a more detailed discussion, see document DP/1995/56/Add.1.

2. It is necessary to point out that the present report does not contain a review of total expenditure (technical and non-technical) by the entire United Nations system since it excludes expenditures on activities relating to refugees, humanitarian and special economic assistance, peace-keeping operations and disaster relief. Because of the limitation, the phrase "United Nations system" should be interpreted to mean the executing agencies, the International Atomic Energy Agancy (IAEA), United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), the World Food Programme (WFP), the World Bank (IBRD) and the International Development Association (IDA). A complete account of expenditure by the entire United Nations system can be found in the annual report of the Secretary-General on development activities. The present report, does, however, contain data on total technical cooperation expenditure of the entire United Nations system

II. HIGHLIGHTS

3. The year 1994 saw almost all major expenditure categories contracted sharply in nominal terms (see table 1). It was also the first time major expenditure aggregates contracted simultaneously. Starting from the base of 1993, the specific details in 1994 are as follows:

Technical cooperation

(a) Non-UNDP-financed technical cooperation expenditure dropped 9.2 per cent, the steepest since 1982;

(b) Concessional technical cooperation by the World Bank Group increased marginally (1.1 per cent) to $1,408.6 million in 1994.

(c) Grant technical cooperation (agencies, plus UNFPA plus UNDP) of the United Nations system slipped by 3.1 per cent over 1993;

(d) Total (grant plus World Bank/IDA) technical cooperation of the entire United Nations system contracted by 1.6 per cent, compared to a growth of 6.7 per cent in 1993;

Non-Technical Cooperation

(d) Non-technical (UNICEF and WFP) assistance declined by 4.2 per cent; it was not possible to reverse the downward pressure that began in 1993;

Total Assistance

(e) Grant assistance (grant technical plus non-technical) of the United Nations system - as the term is used in the present report - was down by 3.6 per cent for the first time since 1983;

(f) Total assistance (total technical plus non-technical) of the United Nations system contracted 2.5 per cent; it is, in fact, the first time that this category of expenditure declined since 1981;

Others

(g) Regular budget expenditures of agencies shrunk by 19 per cent, the sharpest since 1988;

(h) Extrabudgetary budgets expenditures of agencies decreased by 14.8 per cent, the steepest since 1982;

(i) Expenditures by UNFPA rose by 52.4 per cent, probably the highest growth ever;

(j) Total field programme expenditures by UNDP as a whole grew by 3.5 per cent in 1994, as in the previous year; expenditures from central resources were basically the same level as in 1993; those from the administered funds continued the trend of rapid growth (21 per cent) begun in 1991;

(k) For the first time since 1984, field programme expenditure by UNICEF contracted in 1994, albeit only marginally (0.4 per cent);

(l) Expenditures by WFP shrank by 6.3 per cent, almost a full percentage point more than 1993;

(m) Total technical cooperation expenditures by the World Bank/IDA contracted by 2.7 per cent after recording three years of growth; the contraction was the result of a shortfall (6.5) by the World Bank itself; expenditures by IDA rose by 4.3 per cent;

(n) Contributions to agency extrabudgetary expenditures fell by 2.5 per cent compared to a growth of 10 per cent in 1993; and

(o) The two components of total contributions, bilateral and multilateral, declined by 5.8 per cent and increased by 4.2 per cent, respectively; thus were it not for the growth of multilateral contributions, total contributions would have contracted even further.

4. For ease of reference, table 1 presents detailed summary statistics on all major expenditure and contribution variables.

III. EXECUTIVE BOARD ACTION

5. The Executive Board may wish to take note of the present report.

Table I. Summary statistics on United Nations system expenditures, 1993-1994

Variable	1993		1994	
	$M	Growth (%)	$M	Growth (%)
A. EXPENDITURE				
1. TECHNICAL COOPERATION				
1.1 AGENCIES: NFTCE	1 288.4	-0.5	1170.2	-9.2
EBE	808.4	-3.1	688.4	-14.8
RBE	345.8	4.2	280.3	-18.9
UNFPA	134.2	4.7	201.4	52.3
1.2. UNDP	1 204.4	3.4	1 246.3	3.5
Central resources	1 031.0	0.4	1 036.5	0.5
Administered funds	173.4	25.4	209.8	21.0
1.3. World Bank Group	1 392.9	17.9	1 408.8	1.1
World Bank	910.3	22.0	883.0	-3.0
IDA	482.6	11.0	525.8	8.9
1.4. Grant , excluding World Bank Group (1.1 +1.2)	2 492.8	1.3	2 416.5	-3.1
1.5. Total, including World Bank Group (1.4 + 1.3)	3 885.7	6.7	3 825.1	-1.6
2. NON-TECHNICAL COOPERATION	2 291.4	-1.2	2 194.7	-4.2
2.1. UNICEF	803.7	8.1	800.6	-0.4
2.2. WFP	1487.7	-5.5	1 394.1	-6.3
3. TECHNICAL AND NON-TECHNICAL				
3.1 Grant (1.4 + 2)	4 784.2	0.1	4 611.0	-3.6
3.2 Total (1.5 + 2)	6 122.1	3.7	6 019.8	-2.5
B. CONTRIBUTION TO EXTRABUDGETARY EXPENDITURES OF AGENCIES				
Total contributions	1 070.4	10.0	1 044.2	-2.5
1. Total bilateral	709.7	6.6	668.5	-5.8
1.1 Countries/territories	601.2	8.5	555.5	-7.6
1.2 NGOs	36.3	9.1	40.7	12.1
1.3 Unilateral self-supporting	72.2	-7.7	72.3	0.1
2. Total multilateral	360.6	17.2	375.6	4.2
2.1 United Nations system	309.0	15.7	314.6	1.8
2.2 Non-United Nations system	51.6	25.8	61.0	18.2